



December 20, 2001

The Hartley County Harvester

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Regular Committee Meetings
held on the 2nd Wednesday of
each Month.

Dates to Remember

*December 24-25 -- Office
Closed for Christmas
January 1 -- Office Closed
for New Year
January 18 -- Final Date
to file for 2000 CDP
& QLP*

Joe Parker Remains On Committee

Congratulations to Joe Parker! Joe was re-elected to represent farmers from LAA #3 on the County Committee. Joe was elected to his third consecutive term and the election results were:

Joe Parker	COC Member
Don McWhirter	1st alternate to COC Chair of LAA #3
Wade Lenz	2nd alternate to COC Vice Chair of LAA #3
Brad Green	Member of LAA #3

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The County Committee system works only because of your participation.

In January, the Committee members will hold their organizational meeting to determine who will serve as the County Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Production Evidence for LDPs

Certified and field direct LDPs are subject to spot-check. If your LDP is spot-checked, you need to provide the office sales receipts, delivery evidence, measurement service records, scale tickets, etc. You can not issue evidence for your own production. All production evidence must show:

- Your name
- Commodity and crop year
- Net bushels
- Date of sale, if commodity was sold
- Proof of payment, if commodity was sold

Producers must submit production evidence for sold quantities within 15 calendar days of request.

LDPs, plus interest, must be refunded if evidence is not received in the office within the 30 days of the required timeframe. This applies to LDPs for spot-check.

Sign-Up Ends for 2000 CDP & QLP

January 18, 2002, is the last day farmers can apply for the 2000 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) and Quality Loss Program (QLP). Producers that sustained production or quality losses on 2000-year crops grown for food and fiber are eligible to apply.

There is no 2001 crop disaster program at this time.

Get Credit

To insure your farm loan program payment is credited in the 2001 calendar year, be sure your payment reaches the FSA office by noon on December 28.

Loan Assistance Available

Due to adverse weather conditions and low commodity prices, FSA anticipates an increase in the need for FSA direct and guaranteed loan assistance for 2002. In an effort to provide timely service to applicants requiring loan assistance, we encourage applicants to submit applications for loan assistance as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or require assistance, contact the Dallam Co. Farm Loan Section at 622 W. 7th, Dalhart, TX., or call 806-244-6640. Applications can also be obtained at this office.

Socially Disadvantaged Loans

A Socially Disadvantaged (SDA) farmer is from a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to individual qualities. For purposes of the SDA Loan Program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asians and Pacific Islanders.

SDA loans are available for farm ownership and operating loans. Money is specifically targeted to assist these individuals. SDA farmers must meet the same loan eligibility requirements as traditional applicants.

SDA farm ownership loans may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm, purchase easements, erect or improve buildings, and pay closing costs. The December interest rate is 6.0%.

SDA operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, equipment, feed, seed, fuel, fertilizer, chemicals, crop insurance, food, clothing, and medical care. The December interest rate is 4.75%.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We hope that each of you will have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. This office will be closed December 24th and 25th and January 1st for the Holidays.

Thanks for all of your cooperation and patience in helping us serve you during 2001 and we look forward to serving you again in 2002.

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